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May 10, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

55 May 10, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT PROJECT;
APPROVE THE PROJECT; AND APPROVE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR
MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

These actions are to adopt the Negative Declaration for the Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal District Project (Project); approve the Project; and amend the contract for the Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal District to extend the contract term for two years in the unincorporated County areas of Ladera Heights, View Park, West Fox Hills, and Windsor Hills to continue to provide the automated collection, transportation, disposal, and management of refuse and the separate automated collection and management of recyclable materials and green waste generated by all single-family and multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments. The amendment includes similar cost reduction/extension provisions approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 16, 2009.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT:

1. Consider the Negative Declaration for the proposed Project; find on the basis of the whole record before your Board that there is no substantial evidence the Project will have a significant effect on the environment; find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of your Board; and adopt the Negative Declaration.
2. Approve the Project and Amendment 1 to Contract No. 001600 with Consolidated Disposal

Service for the Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal District to extend the contract for two years commencing on July 1, 2011, or execution by both parties, whichever occurs last, at an annual contract amount of \$1,671,533 for a potential maximum contract sum of \$11,674,929 and a maximum contract term of seven years.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to annually increase the contract amount up to an additional 10 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract, if required, and/or to provide for any increase in unit counts based on the County Assessor's tax roll, which determines contractor's annual compensation.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the amendment upon proper execution by the contractor and approval as to form by County Counsel; to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work; and to suspend work if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works or her designee, it is in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to do so.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt the Negative Declaration for the Project; and amend the contract for the Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal District (District) to extend the current five-year contract term for two years in the unincorporated County areas of Ladera Heights, View Park, West Fox Hills, and Windsor Hills to continue to provide the automated collection, transportation, disposal, and management of refuse and the separate automated collection and management of recyclable materials and green waste generated by all single-family and multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments. The amendment includes provisions modeled after the County's Contract Reduction/Extension Initiative approved by the Board on June 16, 2009. The amendment will extend this contract for two years starting on July 1, 2011. The two year extension will allow the District time to evaluate its boundaries and make modifications, if appropriate, before creating a new Invitation for Bids (IFB). If any changes to its boundaries are necessary, such as expansion of the boundaries to include underserved communities, a new IFB at this time could cause a cancelation of the resultant contract prior to its normal termination period, increasing the costs to the District, and creating uncertainty with the bidders.

On June 25, 2009, the Chief Executive Office (CEO), acting on your Board's direction, provided instructions for implementation of this cost savings initiative requesting that contractors reduce contract costs effective in Fiscal Year 2009-10 in return for contract extensions. This amendment closely followed your Board's initiative of contract cost savings.

Public Works has reviewed and is recommending for your Board's approval of the amendment of the District contract for two years extension in term, which includes a lump sum total cost reduction/savings of 10 percent. Consolidated Disposal Service has provided acceptable services to the District and agreed to the lump sum contract cost savings to the District without a change in the level of services required under its contract. Furthermore, in an effort to comply and apply the initiative equitably, and per the CEO's recommendation of February 1, 2010, Consolidated Disposal Service agreed to apply the contract cost reduction savings effective October 1, 2009. Arrangements will be made with the contractor regarding repayment or crediting of the amount due from the prior contract years' cost savings starting October 1, 2009, and for future cost savings.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The contractor who has the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive and cost-effective manner will support the Department of Public Works (Public Works) in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The requested annual contract amount is \$1,671,533 for the two extension years ending on June 30, 2013, plus 10 percent for additional work within the scope of the contract, if required, and/or to provide for any increase in unit counts based on the County Assessor's tax roll, which determines contractor's annual compensation.

The contractor agreed to give County a 10 percent discount on two contract extension years and also agreed to apply the discount starting October 1, 2009, resulting in a cost savings of approximately \$630,000 to the residents of the District.

Funds from the cost savings of \$630,000 will be deposited in the District's Fund in Fiscal Year 2011-12 and will be used to delay future rate increases for the garbage disposal service fees.

Funds for these services are available in the District's Fiscal Year 2011 12 Recommended Fund Budget. Funds to finance the contract's second year extension and the 10 percent contingencies will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 27, 2006, your Board approved Contract No. 001600 with Consolidated Disposal Service located in Santa Fe Springs, California, for the District, authorizing annual contract expenditures of \$1,658,632 starting on July 1, 2006, for a contract term of 60 months. Your Board approved supplementing this contract on September 16, 2008, increasing the annual contract amount from \$1,658,632 to \$1,671,533 for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and in each of the subsequent fiscal years through June 30, 2011. The contract is currently in its final contract year and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2011. The two-year extension commencing on July 1, 2011, or execution by both parties, whichever occurs last, will increase the total contract term to seven years, which is consistent with recently awarded Garbage Disposal District contracts in other areas to provide fiscal stability to the residents of the District in current economic time of budget crisis.

The amendment, which is substantially reflected in the enclosed form (Enclosure A) will be executed by the Director of Public Works or her designee in accordance with your Board's delegated authority and only upon proper execution by the contractor and approval as to form by County Counsel. All terms, conditions, requirements, prices, and specifications of the contract will remain unchanged.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

An Initial Study was prepared for the Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study showed that there is no substantial evidence that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, a Negative Declaration (Enclosure B) was prepared. Public notice was published in the Torrance Daily Breeze, and La Opinión on February 24, 2011, pursuant to the California Public Resources Code, Section 21092, and posted at the County Clerk pursuant to Section 21092.3. Copies of the draft Negative Declaration for public review were provided to the View Park Library on February 23, 2011, no comments were received. There were no organizations or individuals who previously requested notice. Attachment A of the Negative Declaration consists of revisions to the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration in response to comments received from County Counsel during their final review.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which your Board's decision is based is the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Annex, 2nd Floor, Alhambra, California, 91803. The custodian of such documents and materials is Mr. Paul Alva.

The California Department of Fish and Game (Fish and Game) has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees, Section 711.4(c) of the Fish and Game Code, the project has no potential effect on fish, wildlife, habitat, and does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. The CEQA Filing Fee "No Effect Determination Form" was approved by Fish and Game on March 17, 2011. Upon your Board's approval of the Negative Declaration, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination for the Project in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and pay the required filing fee with the County Clerk in the amount of \$75.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the amendment will continue the current contract services. The proposed contract amendment will not have a negative impact on the level or quality of services provided to the District.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Administrative Services Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Department of Regional Planning

AMENDMENT 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 001600

MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

THIS AMENDMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2011, by and between the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of the MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as DISTRICT) and Consolidated Disposal Service, LLC, a subsidiary of Republic Services, Inc., an Arizona corporation (hereinafter referred to as CONTRACTOR).

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Contract No. 001600 was entered into between the DISTRICT and the CONTRACTOR, on April 27, 2006, to provide automated collection, transportation, disposal, and management of refuse and the separate automated collection and management of recyclable materials and green waste generated by all single-family and multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and industrial establishments within the DISTRICT; for a period of 60 months commencing on July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Contract, is set to expire on June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT and CONTRACTOR desire to further extend the contract for two years at a lump sum contract cost savings to the District without a change in the level of services required under its contract; and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR is willing to continue to provide the service, under the Contract's existing terms and conditions, during the period as extended under this AMENDMENT; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these facts and payment to be made by the DISTRICT, the DISTRICT and the CONTRACTOR agree that Contract No. 001600 between them shall be amended as follows:

FIRST: Duration of Contract is hereby amended and modified to extend the expiration of the term of the Contract for a period of two years, beginning July 1, 2011 through and including June 30, 2013.

SECOND: Within 30 days from July 1, 2011, CONTRACTOR shall provide the DISTRICT with a lump sum cost saving to the DISTRICT in the amount of approximately \$630,000. This amount is based on a ten percent savings of the two contract extension years and savings applied retroactively to October 1, 2009.

THIRD: At least three months prior to the expiration of the Contract, CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of the 10 percent savings based on the actual parcel counts calculated during the two years extension. A report shall be generated to note any discrepancies to the COUNTY. If additional savings need to be paid to the DISTRICT, CONTRACTOR shall provide the cost savings to the DISTRICT no less than 30 days after the expiration of the Contract. If CONTRACTOR paid more than the 10 percent savings, the balance of the cost shall be reflected in the subsequent invoices and deduction noted to account for the balance due to the CONTRACTOR. DISTRICT shall approve any discrepancies noted by the CONTRACTOR prior to applying the difference in its invoices.

FOURTH: The following provision is incorporated into the Contract as Part II, Exhibit B, Section 9, Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program:

A. Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

This Contract is subject to the provisions of County's ordinance entitled Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program ("Defaulted Tax Program") as codified in Sections 2.206 of the Los Angeles County Code (Attachment A).

B. Contractor's Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from the County through any contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.

Unless CONTRACTOR qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, CONTRACTOR warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this contract will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206.

C. Termination for Breach of Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program

Failure of CONTRACTOR to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraph B, above, shall constitute default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of CONTRACTOR to cure such default within ten days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract and/or pursue debarment of CONTRACTOR, pursuant to Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DISTRICT has, by order of its Board of Supervisors, caused these presents to be subscribed by the Director of Public Works, and the CONTRACTOR has subscribed its name by and through its duly authorized officers, as of the day, month, and year first written above.

MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE
DISPOSAL DISTRICT

By _____
Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL
SERVICE, LLC

By _____
Its President

Type or Print Name

By _____
Its Secretary

Type or Print Name

Chapter 2.206 DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

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- 2.206.020 Definitions.
- 2.206.030 Applicability.
- 2.206.040 Required solicitation and contract language.
- 2.206.050 Administration and compliance certification.
- 2.206.060 Exclusions/Exemptions.
- 2.206.070 Enforcement and remedies.
- 2.206.080 Severability.

2.206.010 Findings and declarations.

The Board of Supervisors finds that significant revenues are lost each year as a result of taxpayers who fail to pay their tax obligations on time. The delinquencies impose an economic burden upon the County and its taxpayers. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors establishes the goal of ensuring that individuals and businesses that benefit financially from contracts with the County fulfill their property tax obligation. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or combination thereof, which submits a bid or proposal or enters into a contract or agreement with the County.
- B. "County" shall mean the County of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body.
- C. "County Property Taxes" shall mean any property tax obligation on the County's secured or unsecured roll; except for tax obligations on the secured roll with respect to property held by a Contractor in a trust or fiduciary capacity or otherwise not beneficially owned by the Contractor.
- D. "Department" shall mean the County department, entity, or organization responsible for the solicitation and/or administration of the contract.
- E. "Default" shall mean any property tax obligation on the secured roll that has been deemed defaulted by operation of law pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3436; or any property tax obligation on the unsecured roll that remains unpaid on the applicable delinquency date pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2922; except for any property tax obligation dispute pending before the Assessment Appeals Board.

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- F. "Solicitation" shall mean the County's process to obtain bids or proposals for goods and services.
- G. "Treasurer-Tax Collector" shall mean the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the County of Los Angeles. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.030 Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to all solicitations issued 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. This chapter shall also apply to all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts entered into 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.040 Required solicitation and contract language.

All solicitations and all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts shall contain language, which:

- A. Requires any Contractor to keep County Property Taxes out of Default status at all times during the term of an awarded contract;
- B. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may prevent the Contractor from being awarded a new contract; and
- C. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may constitute a material breach of an existing contract, and failure to cure the breach within ten days of notice by the County by paying the outstanding County Property Tax or making payments in a manner agreed to and approved by the Treasurer-Tax Collector, may subject the contract to suspension and/or termination. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.050 Administration and compliance certification.

- A. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Internal Services, and County Counsel issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other departments.
- B. Contractor shall be required to certify, at the time of submitting any bid or proposal to the County, or entering into any new contract, or renewal, extension or amendment of an existing contract with the County, that it is in compliance with this chapter is not in Default on any County Property Taxes or is current in

ATTACHMENT A

payments due under any approved payment arrangement (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.060 Exclusions/Exemptions.

A. This chapter shall not apply to the following contracts:

1. Chief Executive Office delegated authority agreements under \$50,000;
2. A contract where Federal or State law or a condition of a Federal or State program mandates the use of a particular contractor;
3. A purchase made through a State or Federal contract;
4. A contract where State or Federal monies are used to fund service-related programs including, but not limited to, voucher programs, foster care, or other social programs that provide immediate direct assistance;
5. Purchase orders under a master agreement, where the Contractor was certified at the time the master agreement was entered into and at any subsequent renewal, extension and/or amendment to the master agreement;
6. Purchase orders issued by Internal Services Department under \$100,000 that is not the result of a competitive bidding process;
7. Program agreements that utilize Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds;
8. National contracts established for the purchase of equipment and supplies for and by the National Association of Counties, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, or any similar related group purchasing organization;
9. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and must match and intermember with existing supplies, equipment, or systems maintained by the County pursuant to the Los Angeles Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision;
10. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.6.0 or a successor provision;
11. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision;

ATTACHMENT A

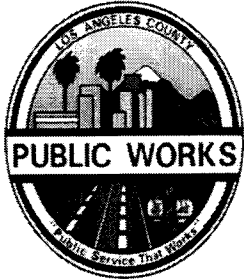
12. A nonagreement purchase worth a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
 13. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual Section P-0900 or a successor provision;
 14. Other contracts for mission critical goods and/or services where the Board of Supervisors determines that an exemption is justified.
- B. Other laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any Contractor in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.070 Enforcement and remedies.

- A. The information furnished by each Contractor certifying that it is in compliance with this chapter shall be under penalty of perjury.
- B. No Contractor shall willfully and knowingly make a false statement certifying compliance with this chapter for the purpose of obtaining or retaining a County contract.
- C. For Contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the County department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:
1. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
 2. Pursuant to Chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor; and/or,
 3. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an exemption is justified pursuant to Section 2.206.060.A.14 of this chapter or payment deferral as provided pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

2.206.080 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
MESA HEIGHTS
GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

FINAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal District projects in the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Ladera Heights, View Park, West Fox Hills, and Windsor Hills was circulated for public review for 20 days and ended on March 16, 2011. During this public review period, no comments were received from a public agency or from a private citizen. The Draft IS/ND has been revised in response to comments received from County Counsel during the final review of the Draft IS/ND.

In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15073.5(c)(4), an environmental document must be recirculated when new significant environmental impacts are identified or new mitigation measures are required to avoid a significant impact. The addition of new information that clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications does not require recirculation. The additional information provided in the Garbage Disposal District IS/ND did not result in the identification of any new impacts or mitigation measures. Therefore; the ND does not need to be recirculated.

This Final IS/ND includes the Draft IS/ND and Attachment A, Revisions, which includes the revisions to the Draft IS/ND.

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Attach.

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

I. Location and Brief Description

This project consists of awarding a contract to a private waste hauler for solid waste collection services in the Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal District (GDD), which encompasses the County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Ladera Heights, View Park, West Fox Hills, and Windsor Hills. The proposed scope of work involves the separate collection, transportation, and management of refuse, green waste, and recyclable materials, using the automated collection method, for residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments within the GDDs.

The Mesa Heights GDD was formed in 1931. The formation and operation of the GDDs are consistent with the requirements of Sections 49000 through 49195 of the Public Resources Code. Fees for the solid waste collection services are assessed to property owners through the annual property tax bill.

Pursuant to Sections 49018 and 49019 of the Public Resources Code, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is the governing body of the GDDs and may make and enforce all rules and regulations necessary for the administration and government of the GDDs, and for the collection and disposal of garbage and other refuse matter in the GDDs. The Board of Supervisors may enter into contracts for the disposal of garbage and other refuse matter. Contractual services for the automated and separate collection and management of refuse, green waste, and recyclables in the GDDs are consistent with the County's waste diversion efforts in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 40059 and Assembly Bill 939.

Solid waste collection services in the Mesa Heights GDD is currently conducted through a separate contract with a private waste hauling company. The current contract is set to expire on June 30, 2011. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) may issue an Invitation for Bids to permitted waste haulers for the next solid waste collection service contract or extend the current contract up to an additional two years. If an Invitation for Bids is released, the new contract will be awarded to the waste hauling company that is determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, and the new contract will commence on July 1, 2011. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works will make a decision on whether to release the Invitation for Bids or extend the current contract before July 1, 2011. Services will continue to entail automated and separate collections of refuse, green waste, and recyclables, from residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments in the Mesa Heights GDD.

II. Mitigation Measures Included in the Project to Avoid Potentially Significant Effects

No significant effects were identified.

III. Finding of No Significant Effect

Based on the attached Initial Study and Attachment A - Discussion of Environmental Factors, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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Attach.

INITIAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

1. **Project Title:** Contract renewal for solid waste collection services in the following Garbage Disposal District (GDD): Mesa Heights GDD
2. **Lead Agency Name and Address:** County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331
3. **Contact Person and Phone Number:** Mr. Paul Alva at (626) 458-3573
4. **Project Location:** County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Ladera Heights, View Park, West Fox Hills, and Windsor Hills
5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331
6. **General Plan Designation:** County of Los Angeles General Plan
7. **Zoning:** The project areas are zoned for residential (R-1, R-1-15000, R-2, R-3, R-3-18U, R-3-P, R-4), and commercial (C-1, C-1-DP, C-2, C-3, CPD) use
8. **Description of Project:** This proposed project consists of awarding a contract by the County of Los Angeles to a private waste hauler for solid waste collection services in the Mesa Heights GDD. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) may issue an Invitation for Bids to permitted waste haulers for the next solid waste collection service contract or extend the current contract up to an additional two years. If an Invitation for Bids is released, the new contract will be awarded to the waste hauling company that is determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, and the new contract will commence on July 1, 2011. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works will make a decision on whether to release the Invitation for Bids or extend the current contract before July 1, 2011. Services under the current and new contract entail separately collecting, transporting, and managing refuse, green waste, and recyclable materials, using the automated collection method, for residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments.

All refuse, green waste, and recyclable materials will be collected once per week for single-family residences, and up to twice per week for hotels/motels and multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments having property use classifications of five or more refuse units as set forth in Table 1, of Sections 20.90.550 of the Los Angeles County Code, for the Mesa Heights GDD. Commercial food establishments will be provided with daily collections except for Sundays and holidays.

The Mesa Heights GDD was formed in 1931. The formation and operation of the GDD is consistent with the requirements of Sections 49000 through 49195 of the Public Resources Code. Fees for the solid waste collection services are assessed to property owners through the annual property tax bill.

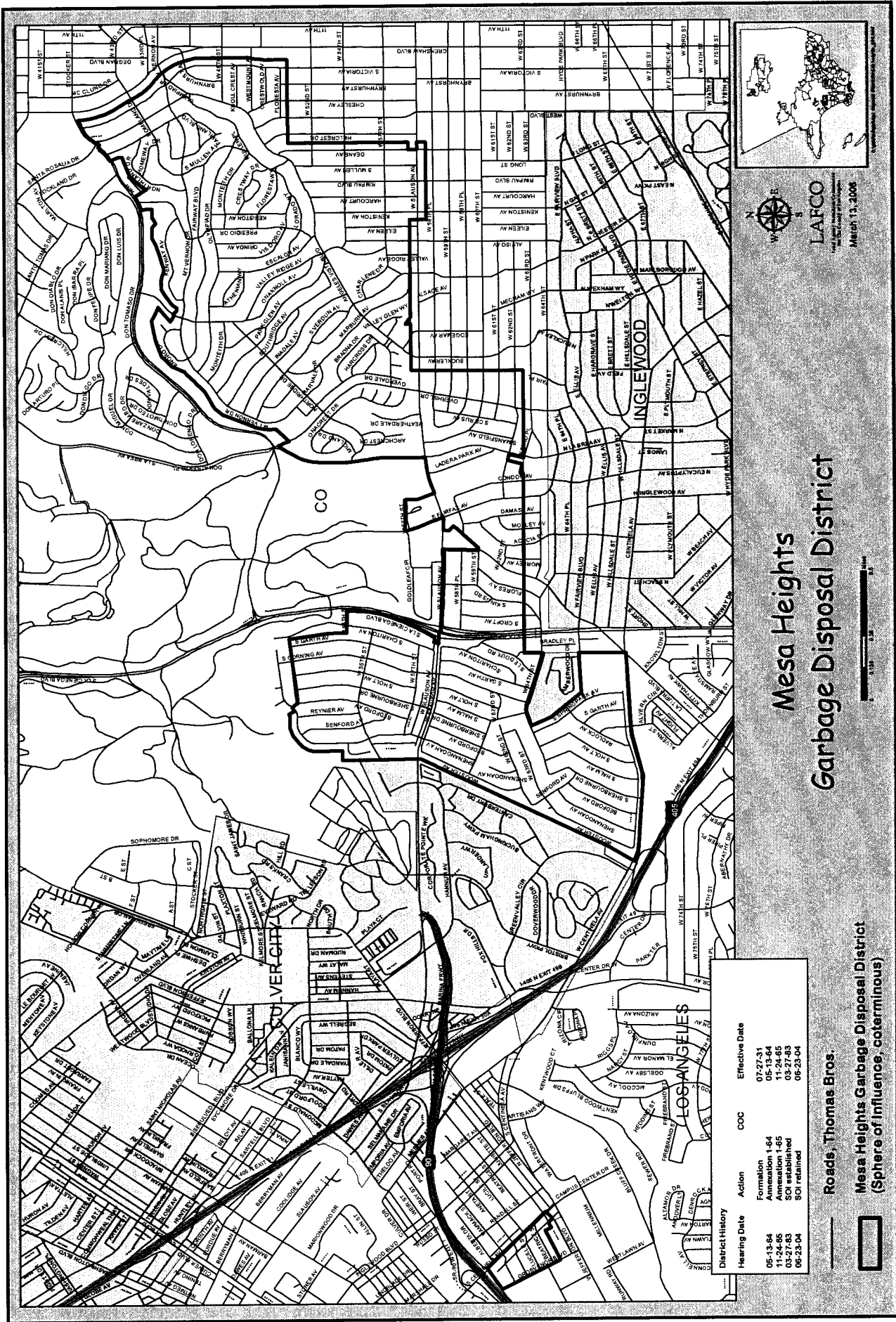
Solid waste collection services in the GDD are facilitated through a service contract with a private waste hauler. Contract requirements include provisions to separately collect refuse, green waste, and recyclables, in an effort to increase recycling, preserve landfill capacity, and conserve environmental resources. These efforts are consistent with the State's waste reduction mandate (AB 939) to divert waste from disposal in landfills.

The contract stipulates that the waste hauler provides solid waste collection service in accordance with the laws governing the safe collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste.

9. Surrounding Land Uses and Settings:

- a. **Project Site** - The proposed project is located within the unincorporated County areas of Ladera Heights, View Park, West Fox Hills, and Windsor Hills. The area consists of single-family residences, multifamily dwelling units, businesses, and commercial establishments. There are approximately 6,300 parcels of real property with an estimated population of 18,800.
- b. **Surrounding Properties** – The proposed project is surrounded by the Cities of Los Angeles, Culver City, and Inglewood, which consist of similar properties.

10. Other Agencies whose approval is required (and permits needed): None.



ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" or "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigated," as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils
<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance	

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☒ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a potentially significant impact or potentially significant unless mitigated impact on the environment, but at least one effect a) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and b) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers, except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants based on a project-specific screening analysis).
2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. "Potential Significant Impact" is appropriate if an effect is significant or potentially significant, or if the lead agency lacks information to make a finding of insignificance. If there are one or more "Potential Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required.
4. "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potential Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVIII, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).
5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR or other California Environmental Quality Act process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section XVIII at the end of the checklist.
6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references, information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans and zoning ordinances). See the sample question below. A source list should be attached and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

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**ATTACHMENT A
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM**

MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) has prepared this Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) to address the environmental effects of awarding a service contract to a private waste hauler for the automated collection, transportation, and management of refuse, green waste, and recyclable material from residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments within the Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal District (GDD). This document has been prepared in accordance with the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, and the State CEQA Guidelines California Code of Regulations Section 15000 *et seq.* The County of Los Angeles is the CEQA lead agency for this project.

Solid waste collection service in the Mesa Heights GDD is currently conducted through a separate contract with a private waste hauling company. The current contract is set to expire on June 30, 2011. Public Works may issue an Invitation for Bids to permitted waste haulers for the next solid waste collection service contract or extend the current contract up to an additional two years. If an Invitation for Bids is released, the new contract will be awarded to the waste hauling company that is determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, and the new contract will commence on July 1, 2011. Public Works will make a decision on whether to release the Invitation for Bids or extend the current contract before July 1, 2011. Services will continue to entail automated and separate collections of refuse, green waste, and recyclables, from residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments in the Mesa Heights GDD.

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I. AESTHETICS - Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

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The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any scenic vistas. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection service would continue to be operated at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantity of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD.

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that the coastline, mountain vistas, hillsides and ridgelines, scenic corridors, and routes are significant resources for residents and businesses. The Open Space and Conservation element of the General Plan addresses the desire of

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the County of Los Angeles to preserve these scenic areas, vistas, and roadways. There are no scenic resources designated by the County General Plan in the area of the Mesa Heights GDD. The project will have no impact on scenic vistas.

- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

There are no designated State or County scenic highways within the proposed project site. Therefore, the proposed project would not substantially damage any scenic resources within a State or County scenic highway. There will be no impact.

- c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not degrade the existing visual character or quality of sites in the GDD and surrounding areas. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantity of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. There will be no impact.

- d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not create any new sources of light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection operations at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments will be limited to take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be no impact.

- II. **AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES** - In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site

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Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the State's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not convert any farmlands, nor change any land uses. No construction is proposed, and the project area is not utilized for agricultural purposes or as farmland. The area within the GDD consists of developed commercial and residential areas. There will be no impact on farmland.

- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not conflict with any existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract. According to the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, the 40,031 acres of Williamson Act parcels in Los Angeles County are on Santa Catalina Island. No construction is proposed, and the project area is not utilized for agricultural purposes. There will be no impact.

- c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production [as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g)]? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as described in their respective codes above). No construction is proposed, and the project area is not utilized for forest purposes. There will be no impact.

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| d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

The proposed project would not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. No construction or changes in land use are proposed. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

The proposed project would not involve any conversions of farmland to non-agricultural use. No construction is proposed, and the project area is not utilized for forest purposes. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

III. **AIR QUALITY** - Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

- a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The project is located in the South Coast Air Basin. The South Coast Air Basin is in non-attainment for ozone, PM10, and PM2.5. The project would conflict with or obstruct implementation of the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan if it prevented the attainment goals of the plan. A project would be deemed inconsistent with the air quality plans if it results in population or employment growth that exceeds projected growth estimates for the area.

The proposed project will not result in population or employment growth. The proposed project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan. Solid waste collection service in the GDD is facilitated through a service contract with a private waste hauler. The contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, including utilizing vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001. The

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project would not contribute emissions of ozone and particulate matter beyond that projected by the plan. There will be no impact.

- b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

The proposed project would not violate any air quality standards or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001. There will be a less than significant impact.

- c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

This project will not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase in pollutants. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001. There will be no impact.

- d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

This project will not result in the exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all

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applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001, to reduce air toxic and criteria pollutant emissions. There will be no impact.

- e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

The proposed project would not significantly create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people. Refuse, green waste, and recyclable materials will be collected once per week from single-family residences, and up to twice per week from multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments. Commercial food establishments will be provided with daily collections except for Sundays and holidays. Prior to collections by the waste hauler, solid waste discards will be stored in appropriately designed disposal carts and containers with stable bases and tight-fitting lids. Any odors associated with the solid waste collection operations would be temporary and transitory in nature. There will be a less than significant impact.

IV. **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES** - Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No sensitive or special status species, or any species identified as a candidate in local or regional plans, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are known to exist at the project site. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection service would continue to be operated at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD,

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and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing service within the GDD. Thus, the proposed project will have no impact on sensitive or special status species or their respective habitat.

- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulation, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantity of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing service within the GDD. There will be no impact.

- c) Have a substantial adverse effect on Federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any Federally protected wetlands due to any direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means. No construction is proposed in this project, and solid waste collection activities would continue to take place within or adjacent to public roadways. The proposed project does not involve a wetland habitat. Therefore, the proposed project would not impact wetland habitat.

- d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident, migratory fish, or wildlife species; or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors; or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not interfere with or impact the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with

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established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantity of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing service within the GDD. There are no migratory wildlife corridors or native wildlife nurseries located at the proposed project location.

- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not conflict with or impact any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing service within the GDD.

- f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not conflict with the provisions of any applicable Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other applicable local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan. No known adopted habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan exists within the project site. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on any of these plans.

V. **CULTURAL RESOURCES** – Would the project:

- a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

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The proposed project would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. No physical alterations, destruction, relocation, or utilization of any historical resources or its immediate surroundings are proposed. There will be no impact.

- b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not cause an adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not disturb any human remains. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

VI. **GEOLOGY AND SOILS** – Would the project:

- a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

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Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving ruptures of a known earthquake fault. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving strong seismic ground shaking. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving seismic-related ground failure. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- iv) Landslides? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving landslides. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

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The proposed project would not result in soil erosion or loss of topsoil. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- c) Be located on a geological unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in any on- or off-site landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse due to soil instability. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not create risks to life or property due to expansive soil. No construction or demolition is proposed, all solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project does not involve septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems. The proposed project would not affect soil stabilities and the support of any septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for disposal of waste water. There will be no impact.

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VII. **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS** - Would the project:

- a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

The proposed project would have a less than significant impact on the generation of greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001.

There will be a reduction in the production of greenhouse gases due to the conversion from diesel to alternate fuels associated with the proposed project. The impact on global warming will be less than significant and the project should not hinder the State of California's ability to meet the greenhouse gas reduction target contained in (AB 32.)

- b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

The proposed project will not conflict with any applicable plans, policies, or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001.

The project should not hinder the State of California's ability to meet the greenhouse gas reduction target contained in AB 32. There will be a less than significant impact.

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VIII. **HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** - Would the project:

- a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not involve routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. The contract specifically excludes collection of any hazardous materials by the waste hauler from residential, business, and commercial properties within the GDD. Materials collected would consist of refuse, recyclable materials, green waste, and bulky items such as furniture and refrigerators, and electronics which are collected and managed in accordance with Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23, Article 1, Section 66273.1 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations. The discards collected from the GDD would be transported to permitted solid waste management facilities in the region. There will be no impact.

- b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not involve routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. The contract specifically excludes collection of any hazardous materials by the waste hauler(s) from residential, business, and commercial properties within the GDD. Materials collected would consist of refuse, recyclable materials, green waste, bulky items such as furniture and refrigerators, and electronics which are collected and managed in accordance with Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23, Article 1, Section 66273.1 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations. There will be no impact.

- c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not involve routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. The contract specifically excludes collection of any hazardous materials by the waste hauler(s) from residential, business, and commercial properties within the GDD. Materials collected would consist of refuse, recyclable materials, green

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waste, bulky items such as furniture and refrigerators, and electronics which are collected and managed in accordance with Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23, Article 1, Section 66273.1 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations. There will be no impact.

- d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5, and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The project site is not known to be a hazardous materials site. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on hazardous materials.

- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The GDD is not located with an airport land use plan, or within two miles of a public airport, and the project would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area. Waste collection activities would continue in residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The GDD is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, and the proposed project would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area. Waste collection activities would continue in residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. Waste collection activities would continue in

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residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to maintain the existing collection route, and the County may change the collection route or schedule to accommodate any emergency evacuation plans or routes. There will be no impact.

- h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not expose people or structures to risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires. The GDD consists of densely developed urban areas. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. There will be no impact.

IX. **HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY** - Would the project:

- a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. Solid waste would be collected by automated collection vehicles and taken to a municipal solid waste management facility in the region. Prior to collection, solid waste discards will be stored in appropriately designed disposal carts and containers with stable bases and tight-fitting lids to prevent spillage. The contractor would also be required to clean up any spills and leaks made during

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collection activities. There will be no impact.

- b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level, since the project would not involve the use of any substantial amounts of water. There will be no impact.

- c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in erosion or siltation on- or off-site since the project would not include activities that would change any existing drainage patterns in the GDD or surrounding areas. There will be no impact.

- d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not alter the existing drainage pattern in the GDD or increase the rate of runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site. No construction or demolition is proposed. All solid waste collection activities would occur above ground, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

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The proposed project would not create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems in the GDD or provide additional sources of polluted runoff. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. Solid waste would continue to be collected by automated collection vehicles and taken to a municipal solid waste management facility in the region. Prior to collection, solid waste discards will be stored in appropriately designed disposal carts and containers with stable bases and tight-fitting lids to prevent spillage. The contractor would also be required to clean up any spills and leaks made during collection activities. There will be no impact.

- f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

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The proposed project would not otherwise degrade water quality in the GDD. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. Solid waste would continue to be collected by automated collection vehicles and taken to a municipal solid waste management facility in the region. Prior to collection, solid waste discards will be stored in appropriately designed disposal carts and containers with stable bases and tight-fitting lids to prevent spillage. The contractor would also be required to clean up any spills and leaks made during collection activities. There will be no impact.

- g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

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The proposed project does not involve any construction or placement of any housing. There will be no impact.

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- h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project does not involve any construction or the placement of any structures that would impede or redirect flood flows. There will be no impact.

- i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not include activities that could expose people or structures to a risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not include activities that could expose people or structures to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. No impact will occur.

X. **LAND USE AND PLANNING** - Would the project:

- a) Physically divide an established community? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not physically divide an established community. No construction or demolition is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of any agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

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The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and streets in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantities of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. There will be no impact.

XI. **MINERAL RESOURCES** - Would the project:

- a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region or the residents of the State. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site as delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan. No construction or

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demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

XII. **NOISE** - Would the project result in:

- a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the County general plan, the County noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and streets in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. Solid waste collection operations at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments will be limited to take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be no impact.

- b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

The proposed project would not expose persons to or generate excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and streets in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. Solid waste collection operations at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments will be limited to take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and any noise generated from the collection vehicles would be transitory in nature. There will be a less than significant impact.

- c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

The proposed project would not result in a permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project or a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the

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- d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

The proposed project would not result in a permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project or a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project. No construction or change in land use is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and streets in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. Solid waste collection operations at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments will be limited to take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and any noise generated from the collection vehicles would be transitory in nature. There will be a less than significant impact.

- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The GDD is not located within the vicinity of an airport land/use plan or airstrip. The project would not expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels. There will be no impact.

- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The GDD is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. There will be no impact.

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XIII. **POPULATION AND HOUSING** - Would the project:

- a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not induce substantial population growth, either directly or indirectly. No change in use is proposed. There will be no impact.

- b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not displace existing housing or people. No construction, demolition, or change in use is proposed. There will be no impact.

- c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not displace any homes. There will be no impact.

XIV. **PUBLIC SERVICES**

- a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

- i) Fire protection? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered fire protection facilities. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

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- ii) Police protection? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered police protection. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, and commercial properties and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- iii) Schools? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered school facilities. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- iv) Parks? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered park facilities. No construction or change in use is proposed. There will be no impact.

- v) Other public facilities? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in the provision of or need for any new or physically altered public facilities. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

XV. RECREATION

- a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not increase the use of existing parks or other recreational facilities. Waste collection activities would continue to

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take place within or adjacent to public roadways for single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, and commercial establishments. There will be no impact.

- b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of any recreational facilities. There will be no impact.

XVI. **TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC** - Would the project:

- a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system. Waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to maintain the existing collection route, and the County may change the collection route or schedule to accommodate any emergency evacuation plans or routes. There will be no impact.

- b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or highways? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or

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highways. The County's Congestion Management Program (CMP) applies to projects that have the potential to generate a minimum of 50 vehicle trips through a CMP intersection. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The proposed project does not have the potential to generate 50 or more trips through a CMP intersection. There will be no impact.

- c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in a change in air traffic patterns which include increase to traffic levels or change in location. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. Therefore, there will be no impact that will result in safety risks.

- d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses. Waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and streets in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. There will be no impact.

- e) Result in inadequate emergency access? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in inadequate emergency access since no changes in emergency access would occur as a result of the project. Waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and streets in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantity of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. In addition, the contract

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obligates the waste hauler to maintain the current collection routes, and the County of Los Angeles may change the collection routes and schedules to accommodate any emergency evacuation plans or routes. There will be no impact.

- f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not conflict with any adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities. Waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and streets in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. The quantity of solid waste collected would be comparable to what is currently collected in the GDD, and there will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. In addition, the contract obligates the waste hauler to maintain the current collection routes, and the County of Los Angeles may change the collection routes and schedules to accommodate any emergency evacuation plans or routes. There will be no impact.

XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would the project:

- a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of then applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board. No construction is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities since the project would not involve new water usage or discharge of wastewater. There will be no impact.

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- c) Require or result in the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities. The proposed project would not increase any stormwater runoff that would affect existing or planned stormwater drainage systems. No construction is proposed, and waste collection activities would continue at residential, business, commercial areas, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not necessitate any water supplies to serve the project from any existing entitlements and resources, nor necessitate any new or expanded entitlements. No construction or demolition is proposed, and services would continue at residential, business, commercial properties, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no impact.

- e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not result in any capacity determinations made by any wastewater treatment provider since the project would not increase any wastewater discharges. There will be no impact.

- f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

The proposed project would be served by landfills with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs. The project contract requires compliance with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to solid waste collection, and provides for the waste hauler to submit documentation for the utilization of approved solid waste facilities. Additionally, the project would incorporate service

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activities and components designed to promote recycling and waste reduction, thereby decreasing the quantities of solid waste disposal into landfills. There will be a less than significant impact.

- g) Comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The project contract requires compliance with all Federal, State, local statutes and regulations, and other applicable laws/regulations pertaining to solid waste collection, and provides for the waste hauler to submit documentation for the utilization of approved solid waste facilities. Additionally, the project would incorporate service activities and components designed to promote recycling and waste reduction, thereby decreasing the quantities of solid waste disposal into landfills. There will be no impact.

XVIII. **MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

- a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. There will be no impact.

- b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

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connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)

The proposed project would not have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. There will be no impact.

- c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The proposed project would not have environmental effects, which will cause adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. No construction is proposed, and solid waste collection services would continue to be operated at single-family residences, multifamily residences, businesses, commercial establishments, and public roadways in a manner similar to what is currently provided in the GDD. There will be no increase in the number of private waste hauling companies providing services within the GDD. There will be no impact.

XIX. DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO MITIGATE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS

Not applicable.

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ATTACHMENT A REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTE TO READER:

The following clarifications and revisions are intended to update the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) in response to comments provided by County Counsel during the final review of the IS/ND.

These changes, which have been incorporated into the Draft IS/ND, constitute the Final IS/ND, to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors for certification and approval. These clarifications and modifications clarify, amplify, or make insignificant changes to the IS/ND. Revisions to the IS/ND have not resulted in new significant impacts or mitigation measures, nor has the severity of an impact increased. Recirculation of the IS/ND is not required pursuant to Section 15073.5(c)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

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VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS - Would the project:

- b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

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The proposed project will not conflict with any applicable plans, policies, or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. The proposed project requires that vehicles used for automated collection be operated on liquid natural gas or compressed natural gas, or other alternatives to diesel fuel. Additionally, the contract requires the waste hauler to comply with all applicable air pollution control laws, such as Rule 1193, Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Collection Vehicles, issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is applicable to new vehicles or the replacement of collection vehicles purchased after July 1, 2001.

The project should not hinder the State of California's ability to meet the greenhouse gas reduction target contained in AB 32. There will be no a less than significant impact.